



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Special Olympics**  
**Rhode Island State Summer Games Commencement**

**WHEREAS**, the Special Olympics Rhode Island State Summer Games will hold its 44<sup>th</sup> Annual competition on June 1-3, 2012 at the University of Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, police, firefighters, state troopers, correctional officers and FBI officials from across Rhode Island will relay the Special Olympics Rhode Island *Flame of Hope* across the state beginning at the Rhode Island State House on Friday, June 1 through various cities and towns to the University of Rhode Island for the 2012 Special Olympics Rhode Island State Summer Games Opening Ceremonies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Torch Run Committee hopes to raise over \$200,000 for Special Olympics Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police, Fire and Corrections Torch Run is an international event to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics, which provides year-round sports training and competition for more than one million children and adults who have intellectual disabilities and/or a closely related developmental disability; and

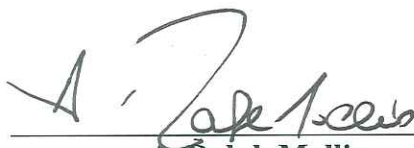
**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics athletes will "Inspire Greatness" as they compete in athletics, aquatics, bowling, cycling, motor activities training program, powerlifting and unified soccer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim the June 1, 2012 Police, Fire and Corrections Torch Run as the beginning of the 2012 Annual Special Olympics Rhode Island's State Summer Games.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State